

ABSTRACT OF SEASON OR INTERMEDIATE REPORTS.

For the Week ending 29th December 1883.

Bangalore District.—Standing crops in good condition. Kartika paddy has been harvested in a few places. Prospects of season favorable. Public health good. Murrain continues to a slight extent in a few taluks. Drinking water and pasturage ample. Prices : rice, 2nd sort, 11½ seers, ragi 37 seers and horse-gram 32 seers per rupee.

Kolar District.—Standing crops in good condition. The cultivation of Vaisakha paddy continued. Kartika paddy has been partially harvested. Prospects of season good. Public health good. Cattle disease prevalent in the Murgamale hobli of the Chintamani Taluk. Water and pasturage procurable. Prices : rice 14 to 16½ seers and ragi 38 to 50 seers per rupee.

Tumkur District.—Standing crops in good condition. The reaping of ragi, navane, ballar, harka, horse-gram, castor-oil seed, paddy, chillies, samé, korle, green and black gram, cocoanut, sajje, arecanut, alasandi and sesamum is progressing. Prospects of season good. Cold and fever prevalent in Holalkere and Maddagiri and cough and small-pox in Sira and Chellakere. Cattle are suffering from cheppe roga and kallu jivara in parts of Chitaldroog, Pavagada, Chellakere and Hiriyur. Water and pasturage abundant. Prices : rice 15 seers, ragi 48 seers and horse-gram 38 seers per rupee.

Mysore District.—Twelve cents of rain at Mysore. Standing crops in good condition. The harvesting of paddy, ragi and hutchellu still continues in parts of the District. Prospects of season favorable. Public health good. Prices : rice, 2nd sort, 14 seers, ragi 33 seers and horse-gram 45 seers per rupee.

Shimoga District.—Standing crops in good condition. Paddy, ragi, jola, green-gram and navane were sown. Sugar-cane is being milled in Shimoga and Shikarpur. Prospects of season good. Public health bad. Prices : rice 16 to 21 seers, ragi 32 to 64 seers and jola 24 to 50 seers per rupee.

Kadur District.—Standing crops in good condition. Paddy and coriander were sown. Paddy, ragi, cardamoms, arecanut, coffee, kurasani, coriander and chillies have been harvested. Prospects of season good. Public health good generally. Water and pasturage ample. Prices : rice 16 to 32 seers and ragi 24 to 50 seers per rupee.

For the Week ending 5th January 1884.

Bangalore District.—Nine cents of rain were gauged in the Cantonment of Bangalore. Standing crops in good condition. Kartika paddy continues to be harvested in some parts. No seeds were sown. Prospects of season favorable. Public health generally good, but fever in the Closepet, Kankanhalli and Magadi Taluks. Murrain prevalent to a slight extent in some Taluks. Drinking water and pasturage sufficient. Prices : 2nd sort rice 12 seers, ragi 38 seers and horse-gram 32 seers per rupee.

Kolar District.—Twelve cents of rain at Kolar. Standing crops in good condition. Vaisakha paddy, wheat and Bengal-gram were sown. Kartika paddy, ground-nut, horse-gram and sugar-cane were partially harvested. Prospects of season favorable. Public health good. Cattle healthy. Water and fodder procurable. Prices : 2nd sort rice 15 to 18 seers and ragi 36 to 60 seers per rupee.

Tumkur District.—Fourteen cents of rain at Tumkur. Standing crops in good condition. Bengal-gram, paddy, wheat, javari, tobacco and sugar-cane were sown in some places. Arecanut, cocoanut, ragi, oil-seed, ballar, tuvar, alasandi, &c., are being harvested. Prospects of season favorable. Colds, fever and small-pox prevalent in parts. Cattle suffer from murrain in parts. Water supply and pasturage abundant. Prices : 2nd sort rice 14 to 17 seers, ragi 48 to 65 seers and horse-gram 38 to 50 seers per rupee.

Mysore District.—Reaping of paddy and horse-gram progressing. Standing crops in good condition. Prospects of season favorable. Public health good. Prices : rice 14 seers, ragi 33 seers and horse-gram 34 seers per rupee.

Shimoga District.—Standing crops in good condition. Paddy, ragi, jola, chillies, horse-gram, kurasani, avare and togari were harvested. Arecanut is being gathered in Sorab and Nagar. Bengal-gram was sown in Shimoga. Prospects of season good. Fever and small pox prevalent. Murrain prevalent in parts. Prices : rice 16 to 21 seers, ragi 30 to 65 seers and jola 24 to 54 seers per rupee.

Kadur District.—Standing crops in good condition. Paddy was sown in Manjarabad and garlic in Kadur. Paddy, ragi, kurasani, arecanut, chillies, horse-gram and tobacco were harvested. Coffee and cardamoms were picked. Prospects of season favorable. Public health generally good. Cattle disease prevalent in parts. Water supply and pasturage abundant. Prices: rice 14 to 30 seers and ragi 28 to 50 seers per rupee.

By Order,

T. SRINIVASALENGAR,
Under-Secretary.

ANNUAL EXHIBITION OF THE **Madras** AGRI-HORTICULTURAL SOCIETY TO BE HELD
ON THE 23RD FEBRUARY 1884.

EXTRA PRIZE LIST.

The Government having placed at the disposal of the Society a sum of 500 Rupees, they have much pleasure in offering the following prizes:—

The Prizes from I to IX inclusive will be open to the produce of the Madras Presidency, Hyderabad, Mysore, Coorg, Travancore and Cochin.

I.—Best sample of Coffee, not less than 20 lbs., of which 4 lbs. in parchment, and 16 lbs. cleaned in three sizes, with 1 lb. of pea berry, a silver medal.

II.—Best sample of Tea, not less than 30 lbs., a gold medal.

III.—Second best sample of Tea, not less than 20 lbs., a silver medal.

IV.—Best sample of Indigo, not less than 5 lbs., a silver medal.

All articles sent to compete for any of the above prizes must be accompanied by a written declaration from the exhibitor, stating how many acres or cawnies of land he has had under cultivation, and that the sample exhibited is *bona fide* the produce of that land. Tea must be sent not later than the 15th December, and the other articles must be delivered at the Society's Garden two days before the Show.

V.—Best sample of cured Tobacco, not less than 10 lbs., a silver medal.

VI.—Best sample of cured Tobacco (Lunkah), not less than 10 lbs., a silver medal.

VII.—Best sample of Silk, not less than 1 lb.	Rs.
.. .. .	25

VIII.—Best sample of Tussa Silk, not less than 1 lb.	Rs.
.. .. .	25

Competitors for the prizes offered for Tobacco and Silk must sign and forward a declaration that they are growers or manufacturers of the same.

IX.—The best general collection of produce usually exported from Madras.	Rs.
Each article to have its name and use separately given ..	25

X.—Best general collection of forest products, such as gums, oleo-resins, wax, dyes, &c.	20
--	----

XI.—Best collection of green Forage	3
---	---

XII.—Best collection of Fibres grown and cleaned in Madras ..	15
---	----

XIII.—Prize offered by H. S. Thomas, Esq., F. L. S., etc. Best Tussa Silk-worm Fishing Gut, not less than twenty lengths.	20
--	----

JOSEPH STEAVENSON,
Hony. Secretary.